



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/917,186	07/27/2001	Frederick M. Shofner	SEA-18

Steven C. Schnedler
Carter & Schnedler, P.A.
P.O. Box 2985
Asheville, NC 28802



CONFIRMATION NO. 9627

FORMALITIES LETTER



OC00000006470267

Date Mailed: 08/24/2001

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 355 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$184.
 - \$144 for 16 total claims over 20.
 - \$40 for 1 independent claims over 3 .
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 604.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

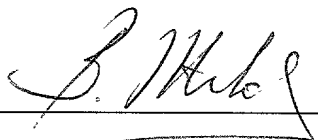
10/05/2001 SDENR001 00000068 09917186

370.00 0P
42.00 0P
144.00 0P
65.00 0P

01 FC:201
02 FC:202
03 FC:203
04 FC:205

09/09/2001 09:17:186

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.



Customer Service Center

Initial Patent Examination Division (703) 308-1202

PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

104400T 33T 2650



Docket No. SEA-18

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :

Frederick M. Shofner and : Attention:
Christopher K. Shofner :

Serial No. 09/917,186 : Box Missing Parts

Filed: July 27, 2001 : Group Art Unit: 2161

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR :
MARKETING COTTON :

Asheville, North Carolina
October 2, 2001

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING
PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

Box Missing Parts
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed August 24, 2001, the following are submitted herewith:

(1) "Part 2-Copy to be Returned with Response" of "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed August 24, 2001.

(2) A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by both inventors, Frederick M. Shofner and Christopher K. Shofner.

(3) "Fee Transmittal for FY 2002" fee of \$621.00.

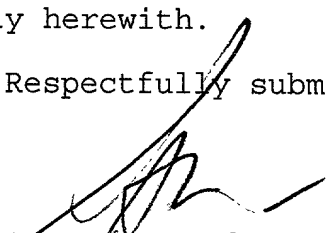
(4) Formal drawings, 7 sheets.

(5) An Information Disclosure Statement, including form PTO-1449 and copies of listed references.

(6) An application data sheet.

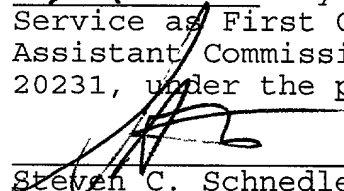
An Assignment to Shofner Engineering Associates, Inc. is being submitted for recording concurrently herewith.

Respectfully submitted,


Steven C. Schnedler, Attorney
Reg. No. 27,591

Carter & Schnedler, P.A.
56 Central Avenue, Suite 101
P.O. Box 2985
Asheville, NC 28802
Telephone: (828) 252-6225

I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited this
2nd day of October, 2001, with the U.S. Postal
Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to
Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C.
20231, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.8.


Steven C. Schnedler